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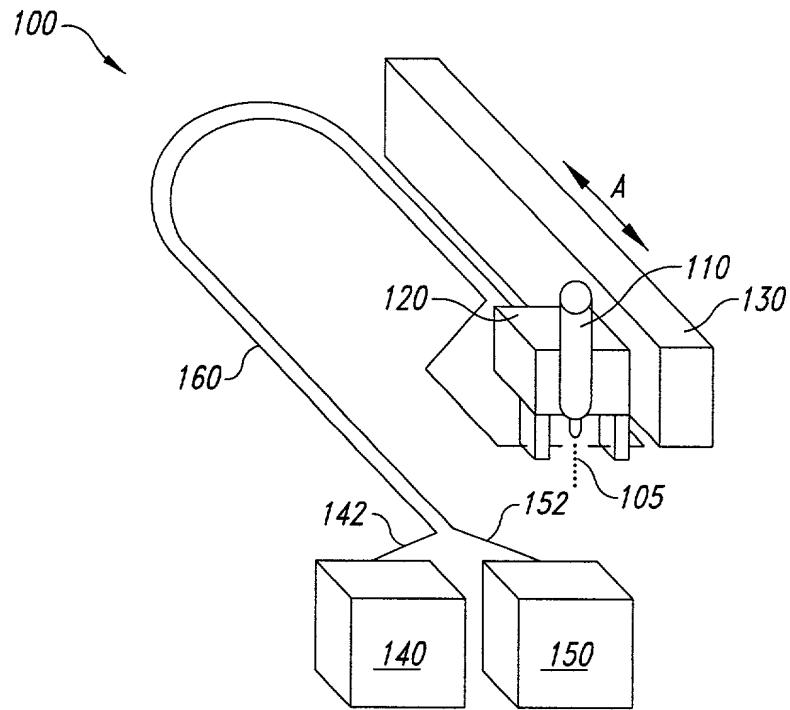


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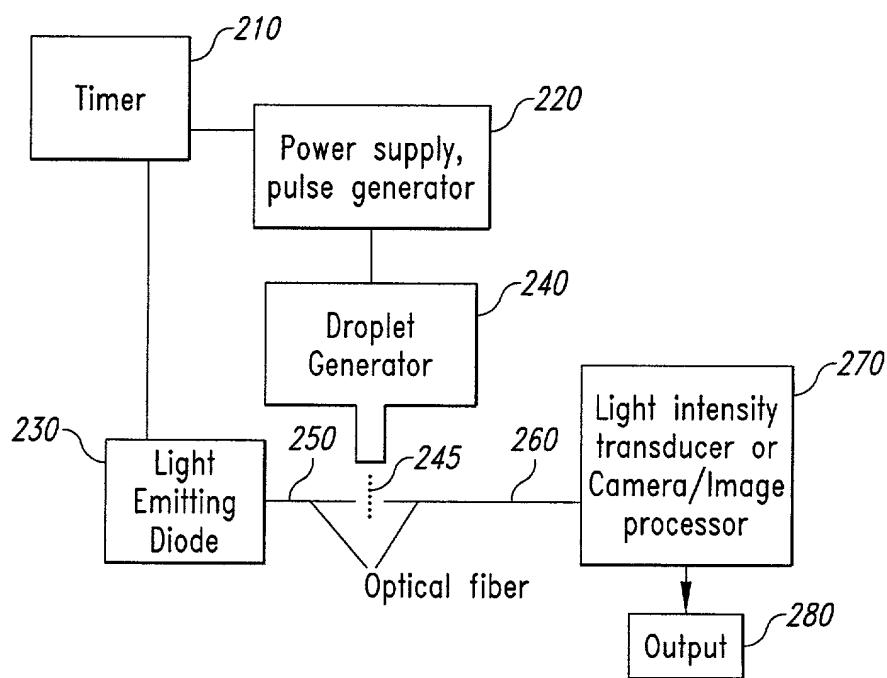


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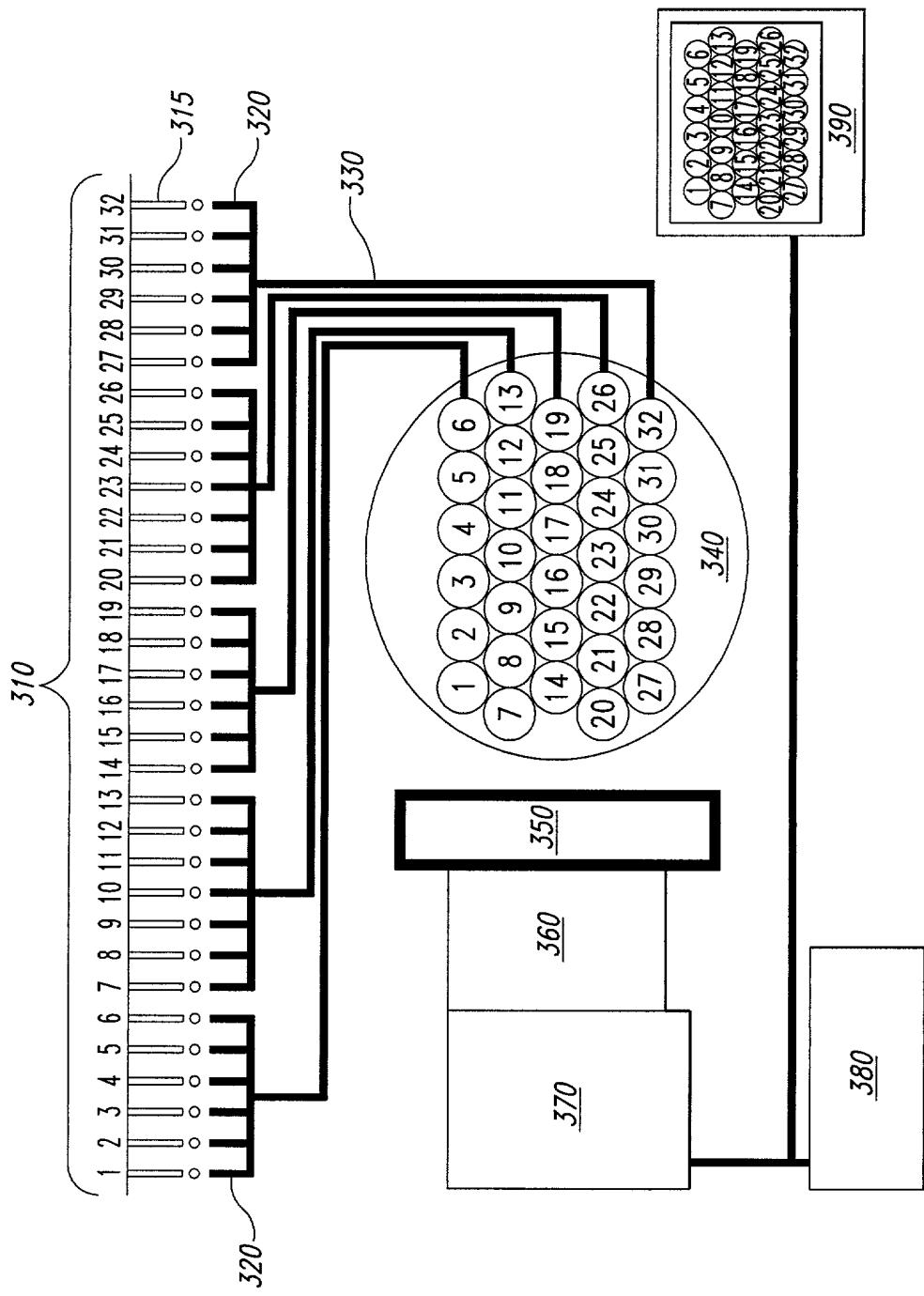


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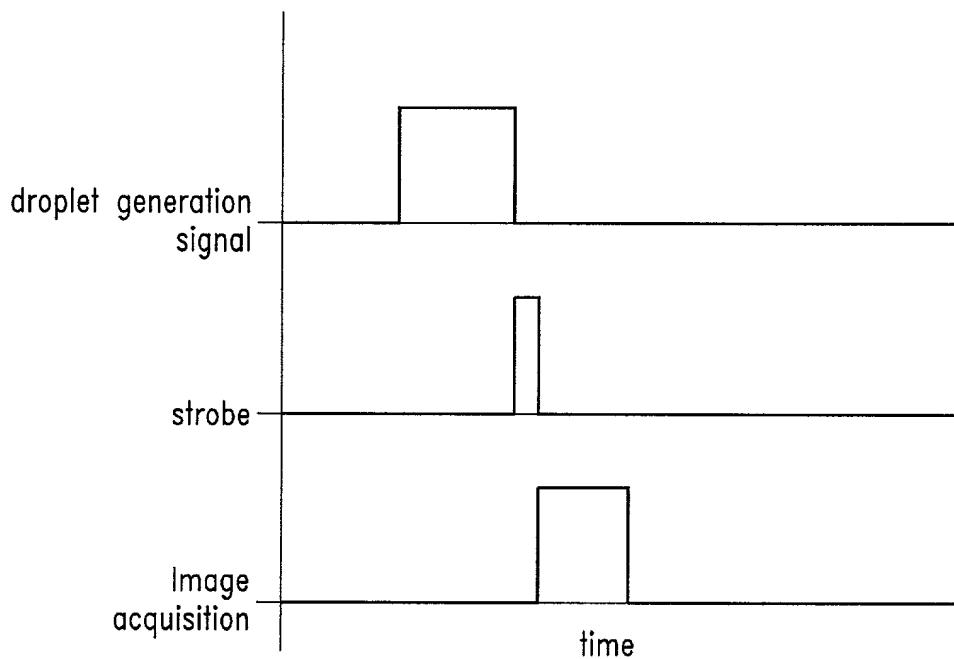


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Droplet Shape and Corresponding Droplet Detector Analog Waveforms

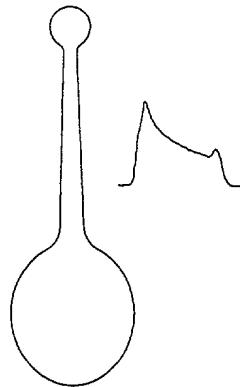


Fig. 5A

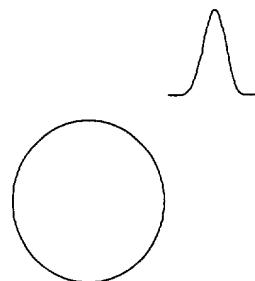


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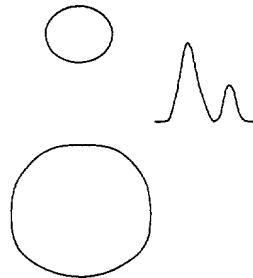


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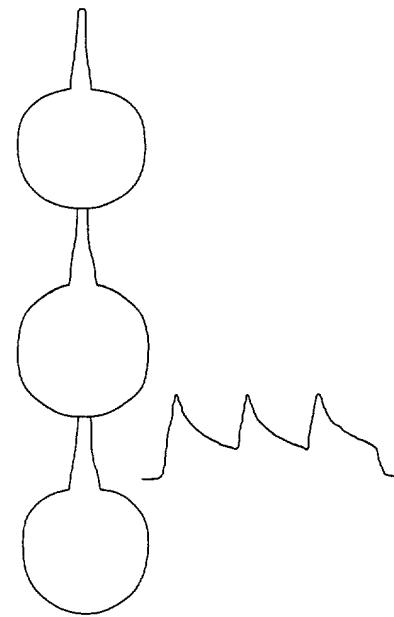


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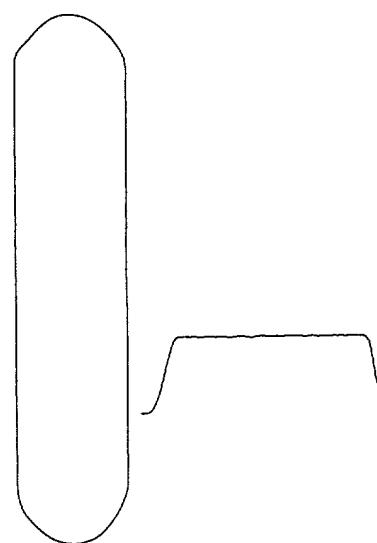


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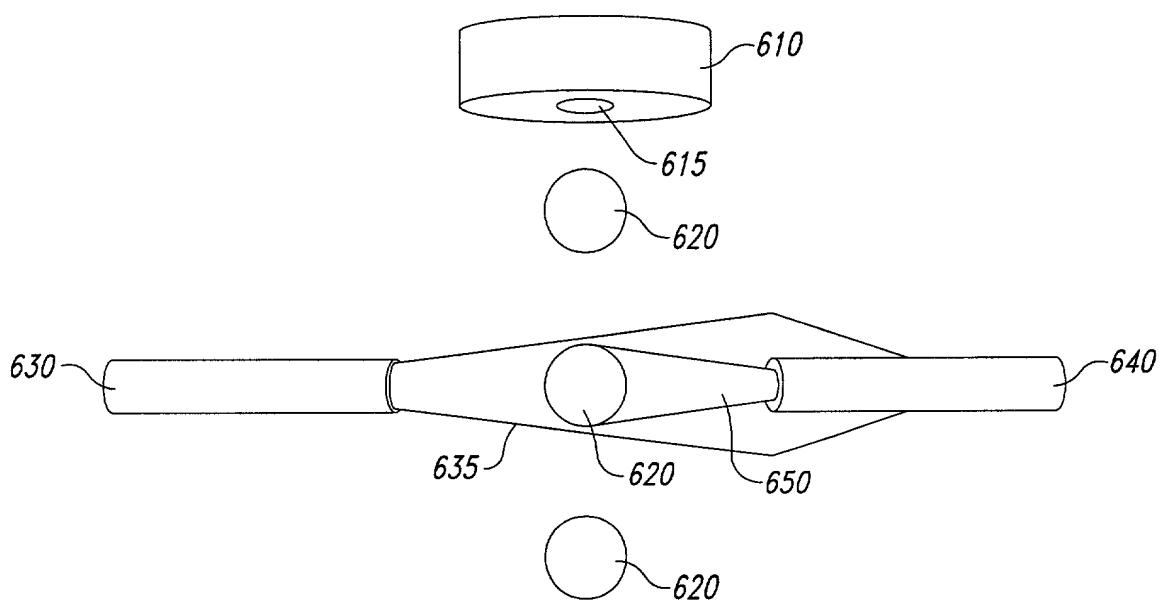


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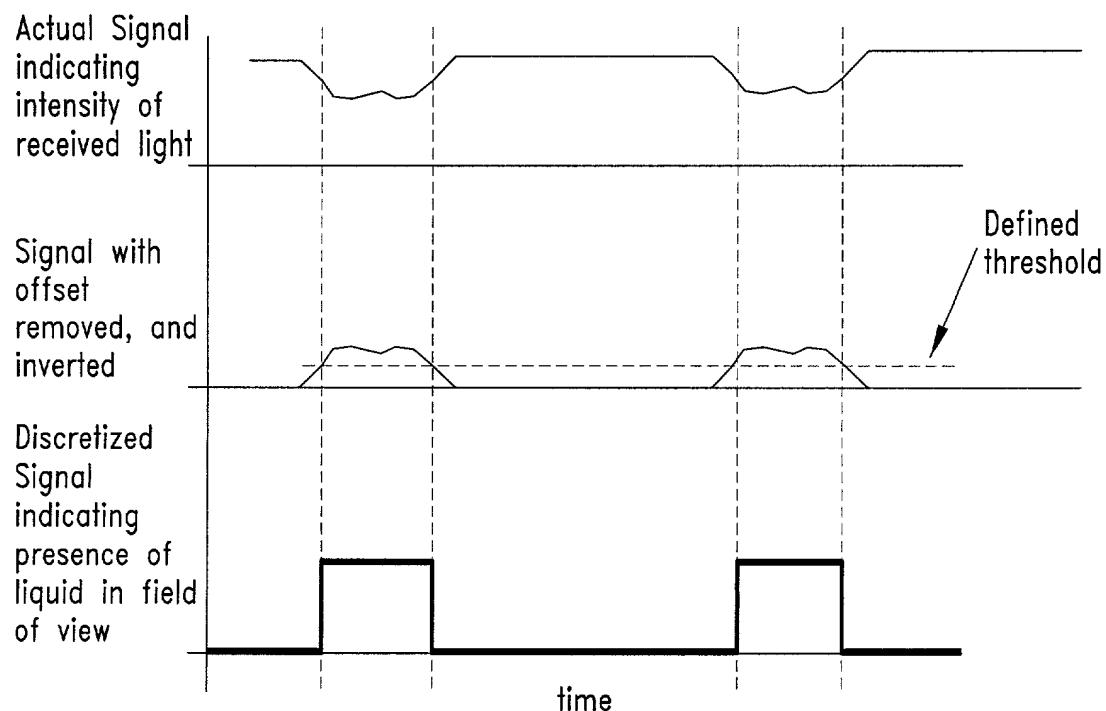


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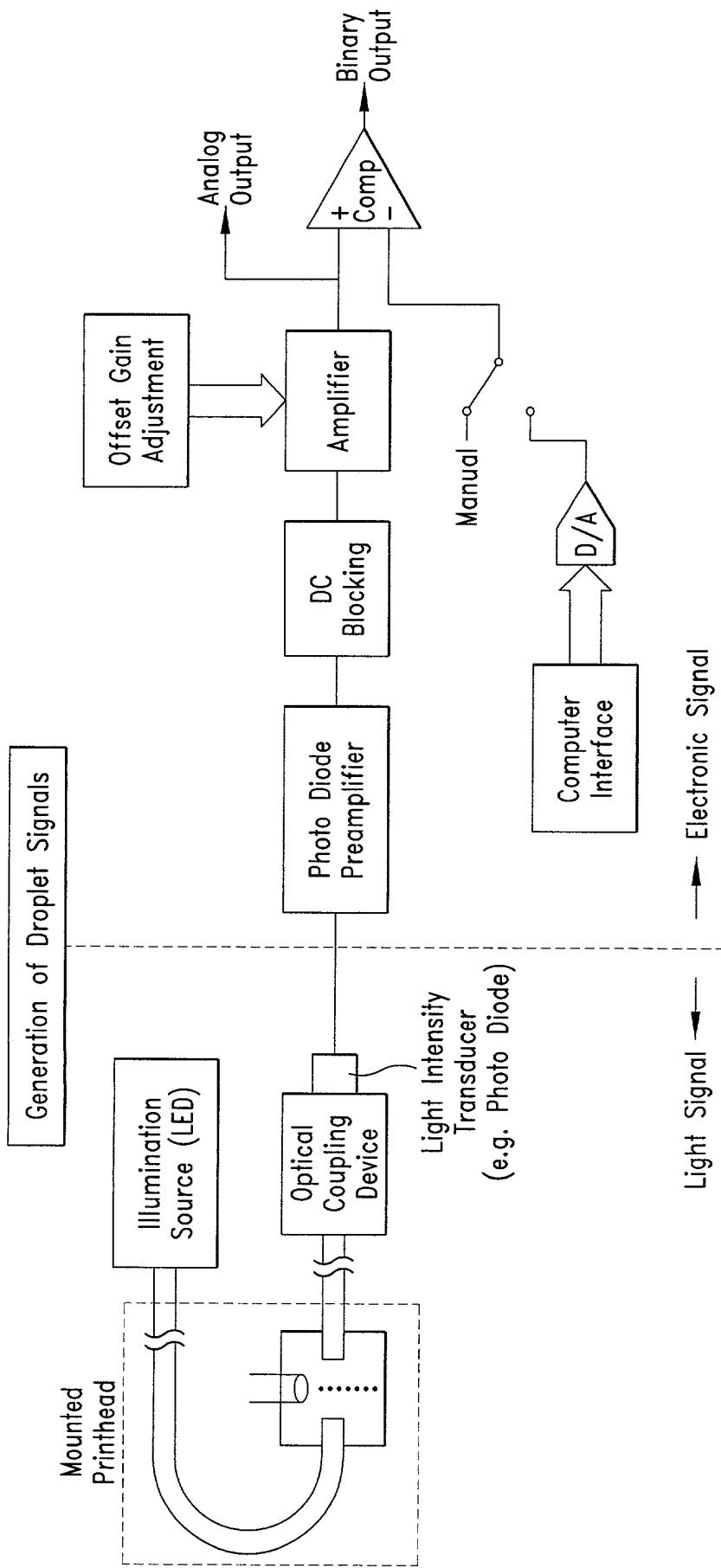


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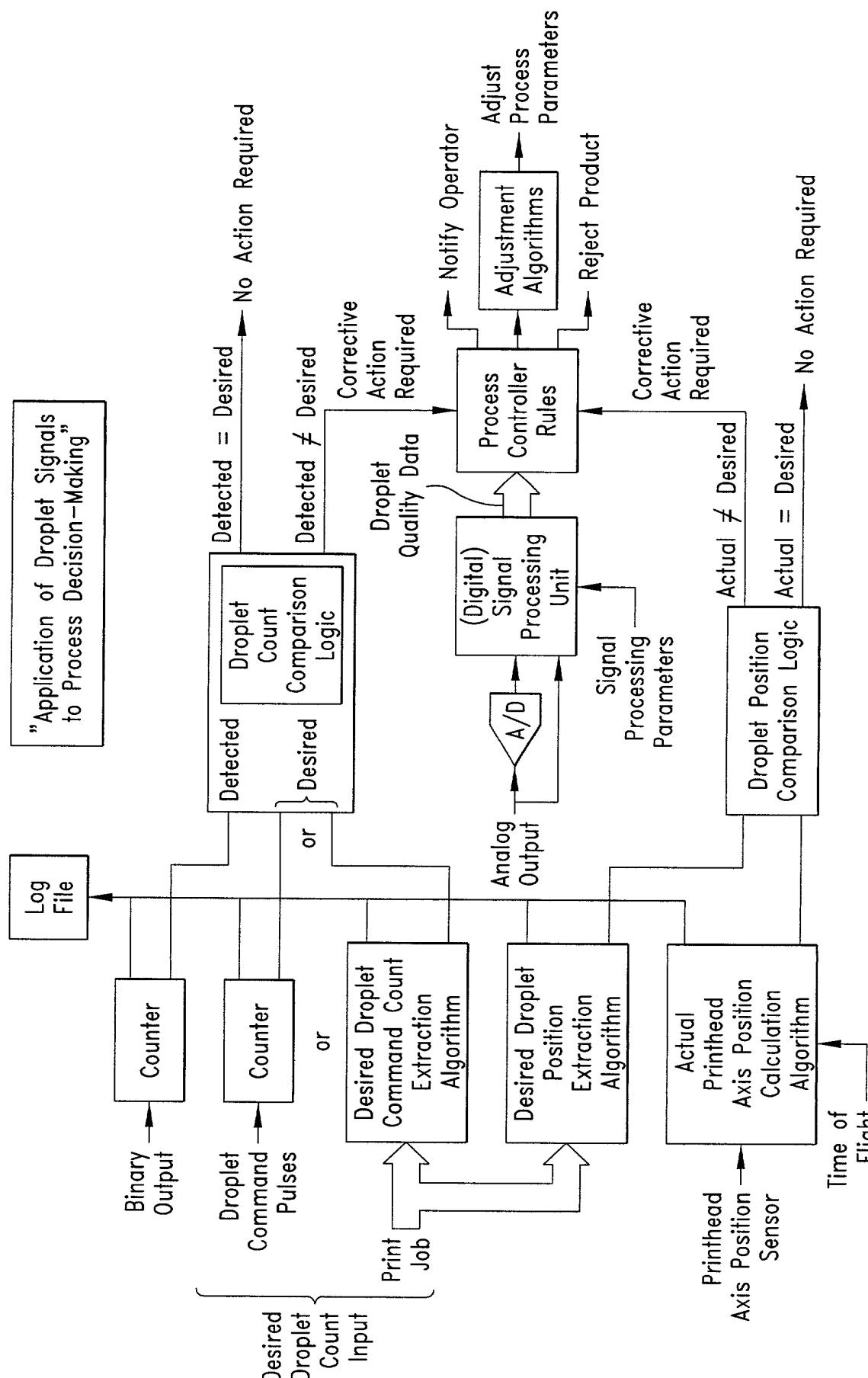
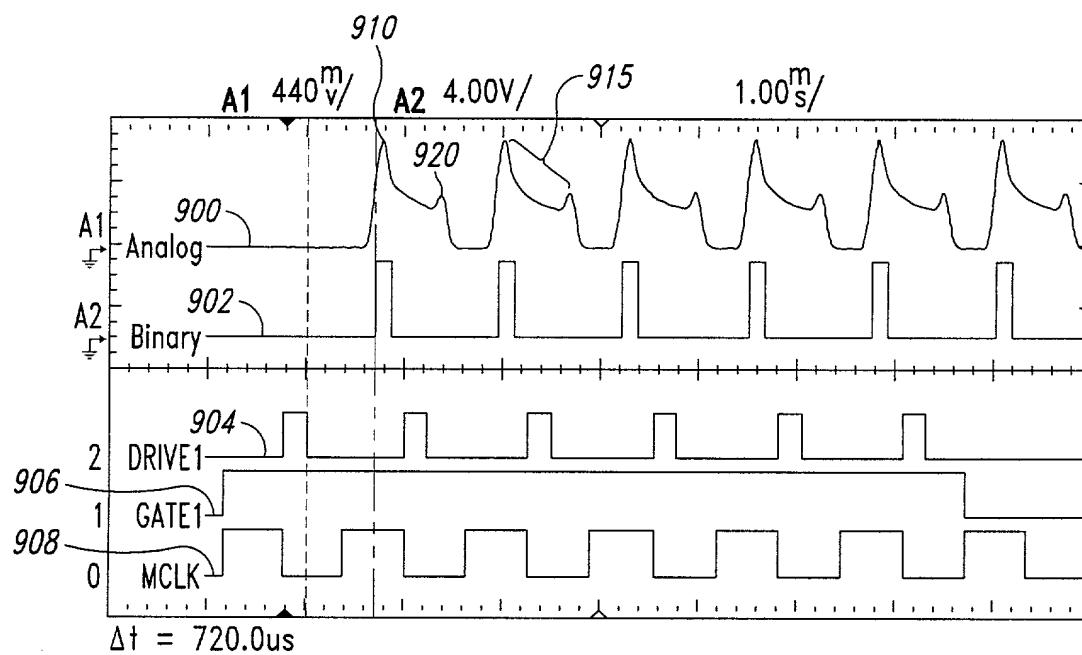


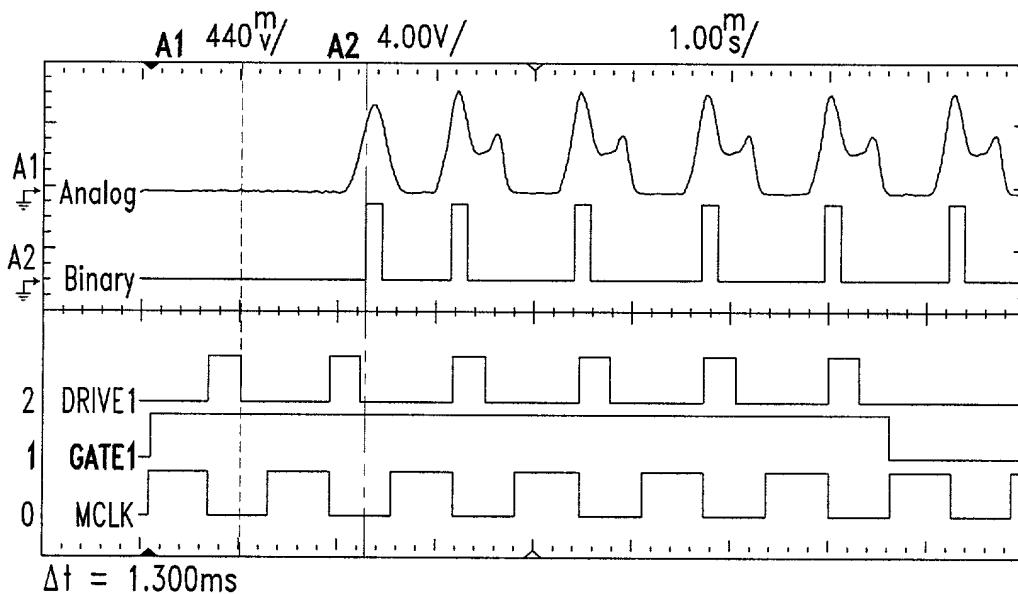
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BDD Output Signals for Typical Droplet Formation

Fig. 9



-BDD Output Signals for Premature First Droplet

Fig. 10

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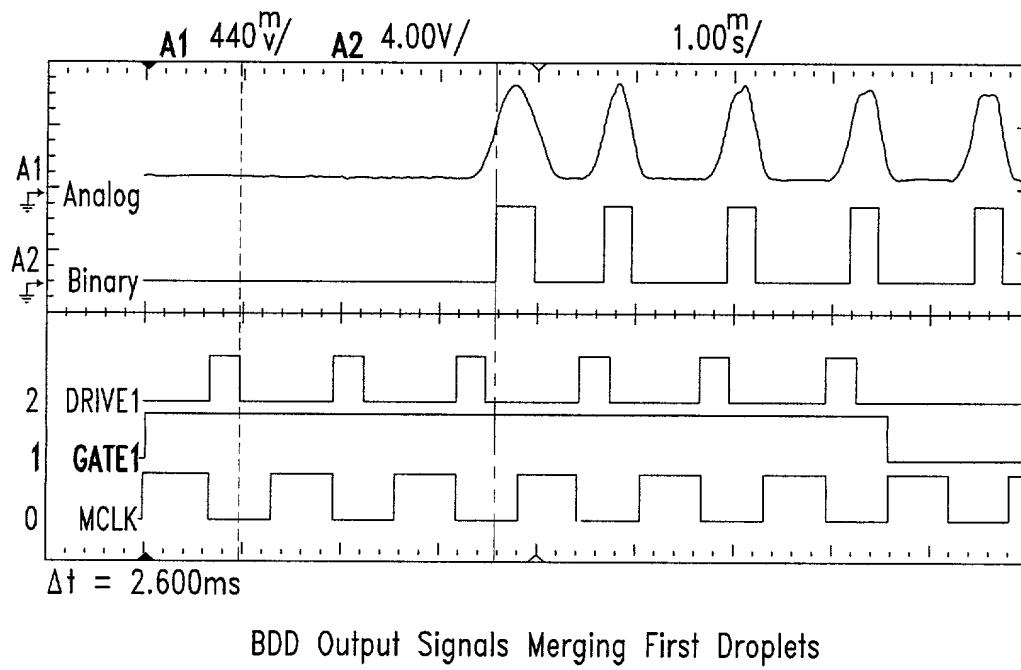
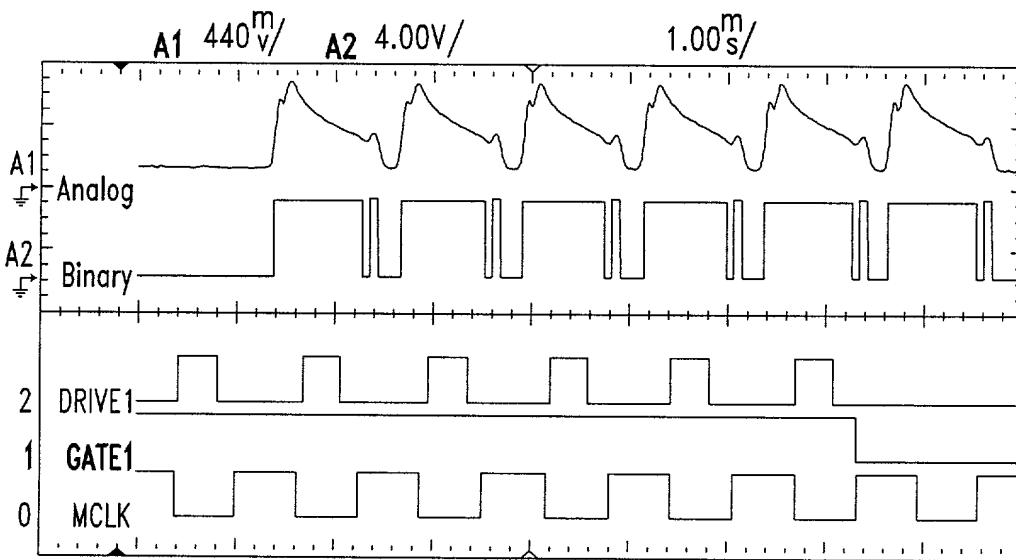


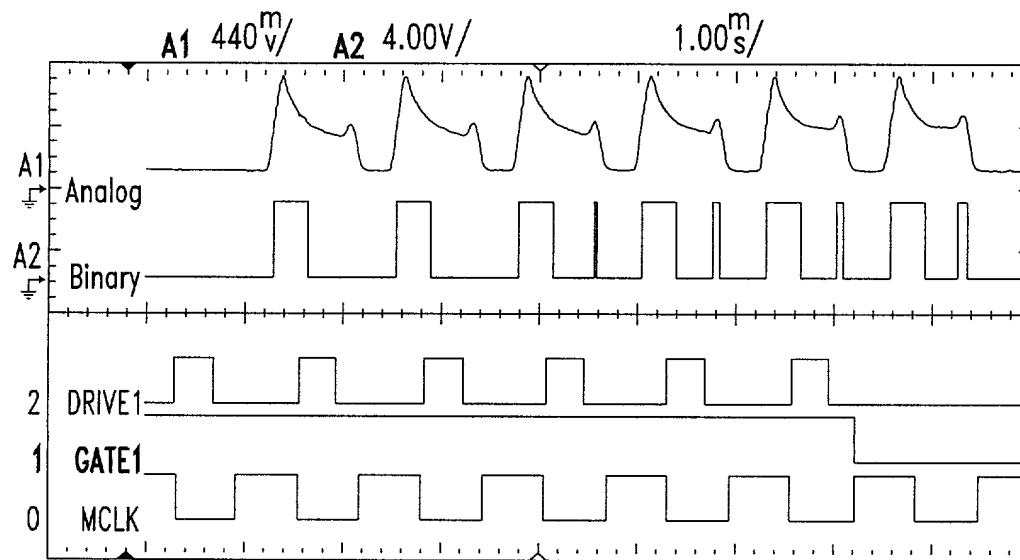
Fig. 11



Marginally Low Detection Threshold

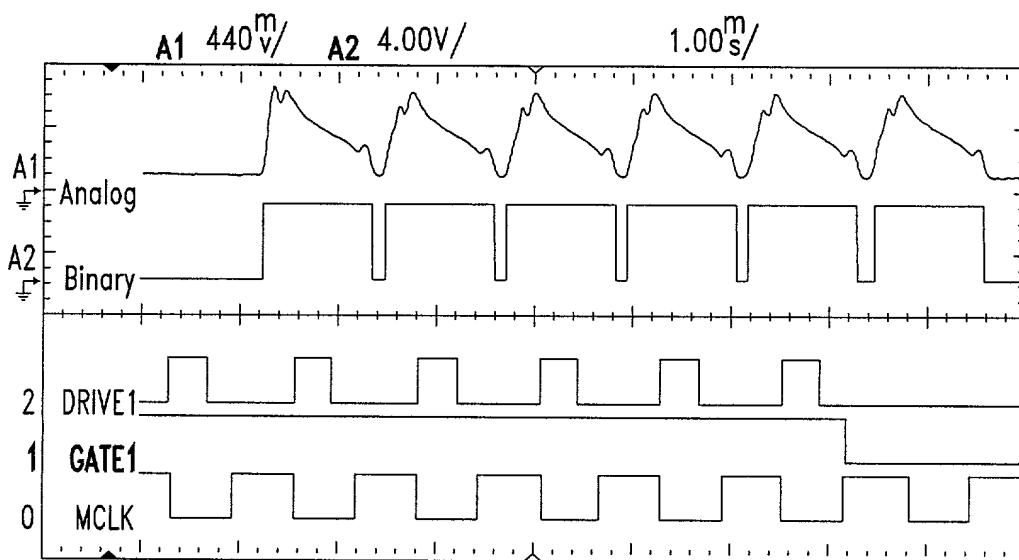
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Marginally Low Detection Threshold with Baseline Shift
Due To Sensor Wetting

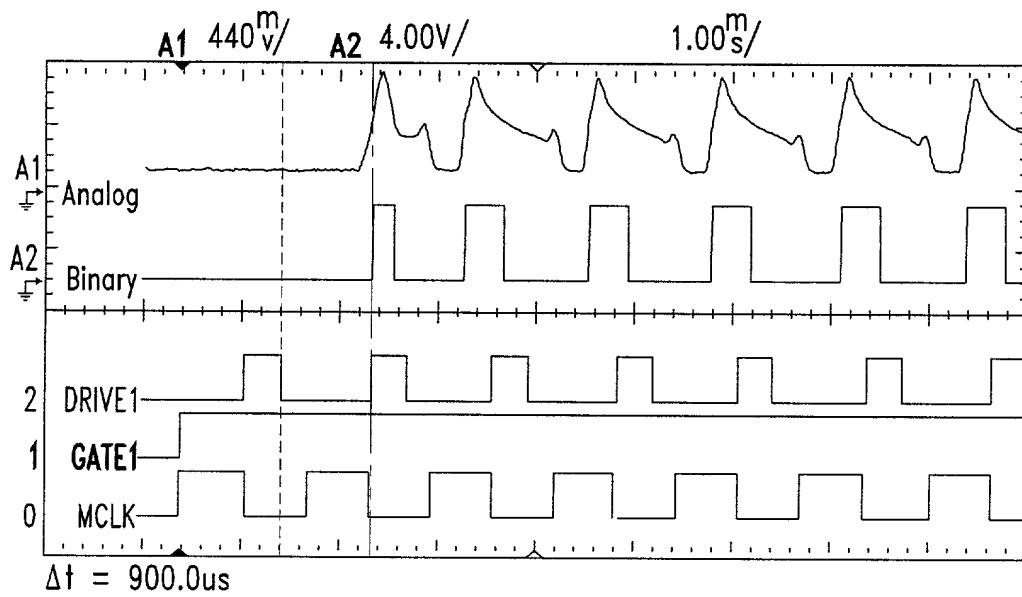
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Low Detection Threshold Used to Measure Full "Packet" Size

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First Droplets of a Sweep Indicating Smaller First Droplet

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SPECTRA OF DETECTOR OUTPUT FOR DIFFERENT STREAM QUALITIES

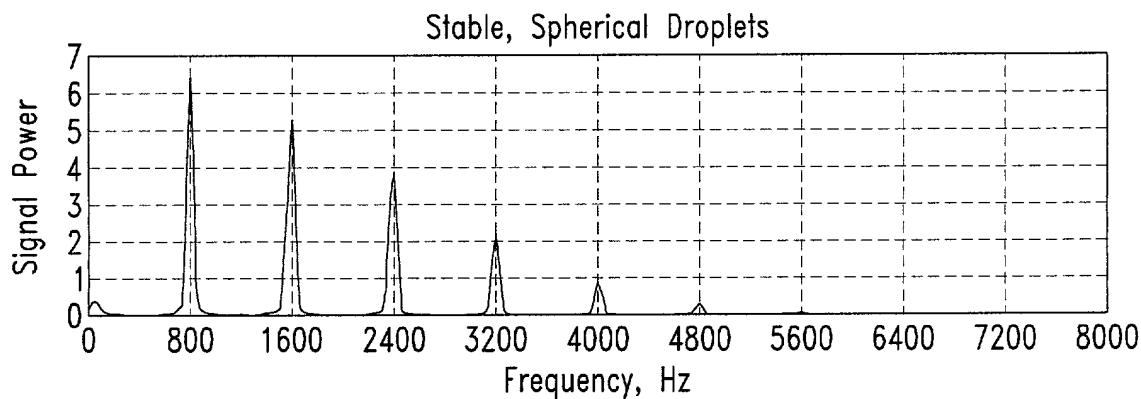


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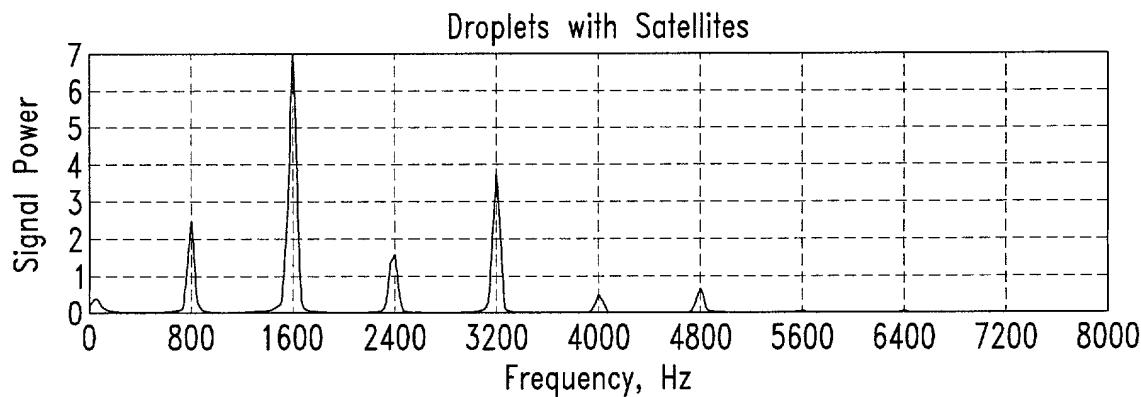


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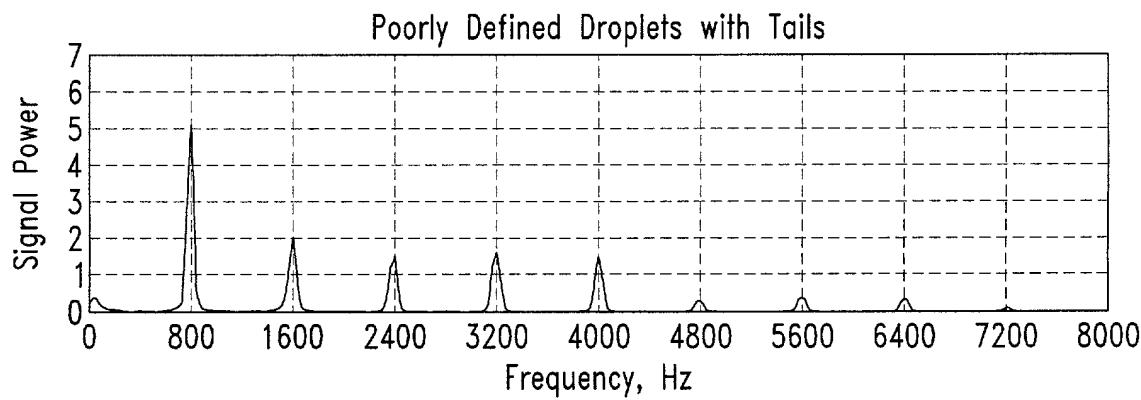


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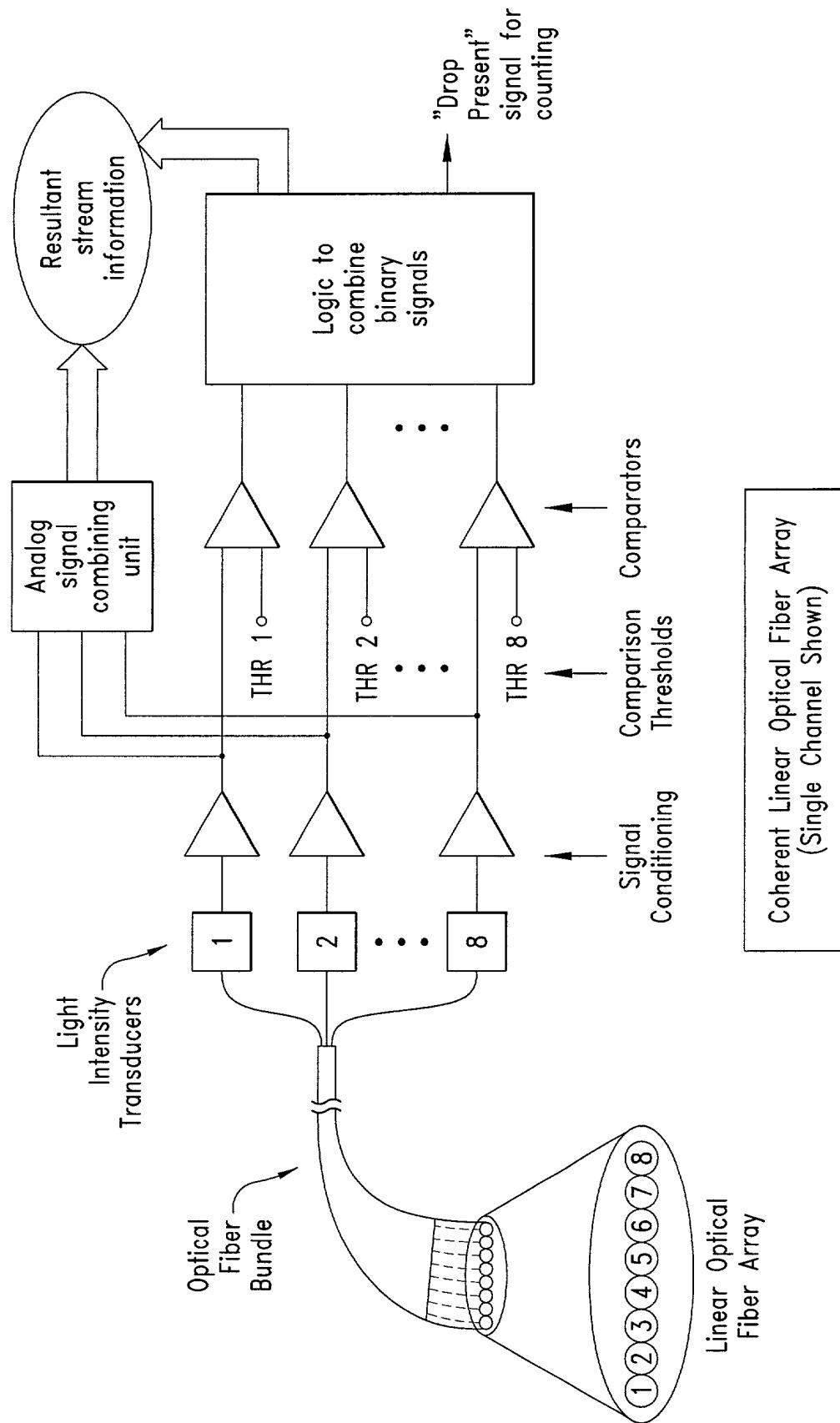


Fig. 17